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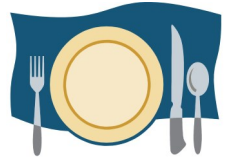
October 2022



OCTOBER 2, 2022  
11:00 a.m. Service of Worship

## SUPPER CLUBS ARE BACK!

The Diaconate is in search of Supper Club hosts and hostesses. We hope to have a wide variety of themes and participants this year. Some ideas are: ladies night, men only, children included, over 80, adults and youth, open to anyone, holiday specific, etc. You choose the theme and date, anytime between November and next summer. If you would like to be a host or have any questions, please contact Anna House.



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## NOTES OF THANKS

- Many thanks to our church family for all of the cards and gifts to mom during her last years.

Special shout out to Zoe Wingard for writing to her every month. She enjoyed all of the cards.

Thank you to our excellent bereavement team for the beautiful reception. Thanks to Trudy Frierson for her updates and attention to our members.

Our church staff is a blessing in every area, thank you. We truly appreciate the love and support of this church family.

In Christ,  
The Gillespie and Salley families

- First Presbyterian Church Family,

As we grieve our loved one, Willie B. Owens, Sr., the last few weeks have been difficult. Your cards, calls, prayers, and sincere expressions of sympathy helped tremendously. Your sentiments were sincerely appreciated and continue to help us through our tough time. Please know that the comfort you gave helped enormously.

Sincerely,  
Jim and Ruth Harvey

- We wish to express our gratitude to our Church Family for ministering to us:

Through food and transportation, and the youth group's visit to tidy up our yard, during Lee's recuperation from a broken ankle.

Through expressions of sympathy upon the passing of Fran's sister-in-law (Lee's aunt).

Through the online broadcast of Sunday worship services for those who can't fellowship in person.

Through the card ministry.

And most of all, through your prayers. Thank you.

Frances Hendren and Lee Hendren

- A word of thanks to the good folks of First Presbyterian Orangeburg for the prayers, cards and the good food you shared with me during my surgery and healing this summer. My orthopedic surgeon released me on September 1. After three months of physical therapy I was glad to hear him say that I could stop. In hindsight, I know that I became too active too soon after the surgery so it set me back a little but all is well now.

Raymond Tucker

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01	Salley Hewett Freddy Felder Melinda Shepherd Leah Jones	10/15	Colin Weaver Anna House Bourne Burroughs
10/02	Bonnie Jordan	10/17	Alan Johnstone Elizabeth Allen Brailsford
10/03	Bess Hill Emily Cook	10/18	Connie Belcher
10/04	Neal Branan Frank Sterling	10/20	Mike Clayton
10/05	Jim Shepherd Huntley Wolfe	10/22	Dot Dudley Bert Shuler, III
10/08	Charlotte Nexsen	10/23	Margie Cantley
10/10	Marlene Welch	10/24	Allyn Price
10/13	Ted Evans Lewis Fogle Gaye Irick	10/28	Gari von Besser
		10/29	Chalmers Mikell
		10/30	Lyon Smith
		10/31	Sandy Bryant

## BABIES ARE A BLESSING

### Virginia Lois Shuler

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Drew (Natalie) Shuler  
June 13, 2022



### Garrett Alexander Jordan

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Katalin) Jordan  
July 12, 2022



### Wells Harrison Cooper

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles (Taylor) Cooper  
September 15, 2022

## MEMORIALS

### Given in Memory of

**Ruth Horger**

**Martha Garrick**

**Willie B. Owens**

**Tom Lewis**

**Shirley Salley**

### Given By

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilkes  
Julianne and Bert Shuler  
John and Connor Gantt  
Anne Bettis  
Shelby and Delle Bolen  
Mr. Lewis Fogle  
Mark and Linda McGannon  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrd

John and Jane Shuler  
Mrs. Frances Lytch  
Chuck and Susan Salley and family  
Paula Summers  
Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Shuler  
Mrs. Claudia Bair  
Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Culler  
Mrs. Katherine Patterson

Mr. Gordon Huddleston  
John Knox Class  
McGregor and Company L.L.P.  
Lyn and Leonard Blanchard  
Mrs. Cheryl Smith  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Bill and Marlene Welch  
Dr. and Mrs. James Harvey

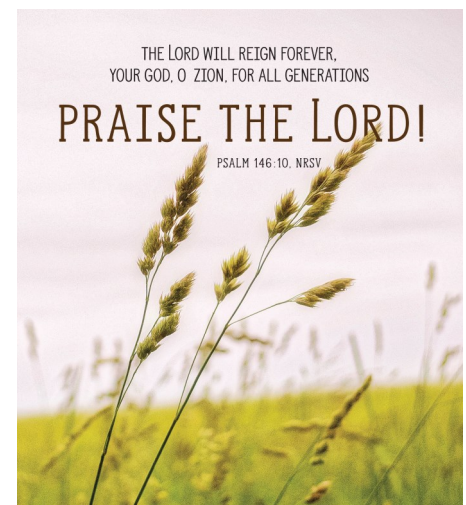
## GENERAL FUND 2022

**For month ending August 31, 2022**      Month      Year-to-Date

General Fund Income	\$47,622.14	\$289,962.63
General Fund Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$36,173.24 *</u>	<u>\$259,280.88 **</u>
	\$11,448.90	\$ 30,681.75

\* Includes \$9,450 transfer to Missions

\*\* Includes Total Missions transfer of \$18,900



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## UNITY IN FAITH



It has been said that faith in Christ is a communal experience and not just an individual one. When the New Testament talks about believers it is almost always plural (Ephesians 2:17-22). These verses use plurals and strongly suggest the church is a community, a shared experience with one another. The belief that believers are a community is mentioned at least 25 times in the NT. We also have guides on how we are to relate to one another as “community.” Romans 12:10, 16 says be devoted to each other in brotherly love, honor others above self, live in harmony and do not be proud, nor conceited and learn to live with everyone. Romans 15:7 tells us to accept each other as Christ accepted us. In Ephesians 4:2; 32, 5: 21 and in other Biblical passages we see how we should relate as believers. One thing is sure. Abraham Lincoln said a house divided cannot stand, implying a house undivided can stand. As believers, we are to be a house undivided in our stand for Christ. No matter our differences and worldly things that may divide us, Paul tells us (Eph. 4:3) “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...” God alone can give us the wisdom and strength to keep unity with one another through the help of the Holy Spirit. Thus we can be a light in a dark, divided world. With unity in faith we can reach/serve our faith family and also others. We will become a sanctuary for all.

When David described unity in Psalm 133, he likened it to the fragrance of oil and the dew on the mountains. Oil fragrance can fill a room and dew can bring life and blessings. V.3 Unity in faith can have pleasant side effects such as welcoming each other and those who are alone, being flexible with others and being humble. Let’s be united as a body of faithful believers so that God can bring about good through us!

Lastly but most importantly, to be more capable to walk in unity with each other, we must first focus on seeking unity with God. We must submit our wills to His. We must strive to be more like Him. Being one with God means we will be more complete through our unity with others.

**CHALLENGE:** Every day take a quiet moment and reflect on where God is guiding you. Then decide what your part of “faith in unity” is and take action. Balance unity with God with unity with others.

**PRAYER:** God, help us focus on You and not the chaos of the world. Help us stand as beacons of your love and recognize those standing with us. Help us see more similarities than differences and be humble and nonjudgmental. May we always welcome everyone with love and compassion as we strive to be united in faith.

JESUS, transform  
MY HEART.

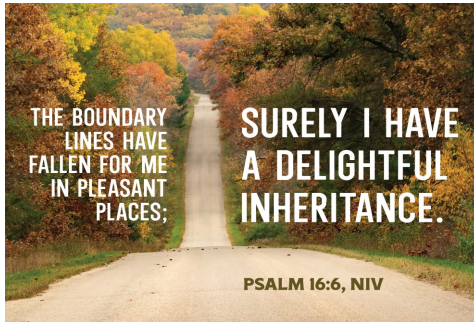
CARING GOD,  
help me to care for  
others as You do.

With Christian Love,  
Kaye Borgstedt  
Christian Education Coordinator

## SAVE THE DATE

Plan to join your church family after worship for a Thankful Advent meal (soup, sandwiches, dessert and drink) on November 20 in the Centre. More details to follow. -- Kaye Borgstedt

**First Presbyterian Church**  
650 Summers Avenue  
Orangeburg, SC 29115  
**Return Service Requested**



**October 2022**

## **OUR FATHER'S CLOSET**

Our Father's Closet is organizing coats for the November distribution to schools. Please note our immediate inventory needs for the coat closet. Girls' sizes: 4,5,6,7,8 and 10/12; Boys' sizes: 4/5 and 10/12. Place washed or new coats in the marked red tub in the Centre. Please put coats that need washing in a trash bag and place beside the tub.

Trudy Frierson

## **WHERE IS THIS ON OUR CAMPUS?**

We have some really good resources.  
Have you taken advantage of them?

Kaye Borgstedt

